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PSC APPROVES SBC MISSOURI TARIFF WHICH SEEKS TO HELP TORNADO VICTIMS

Jefferson City (May 6, 2003)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved a tariff filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri which provides for an emergency promotion to be offered to customers affected by recent tornadoes in Missouri. According to the tariff, the promotion would **waive the installation charge and one month of monthly charges for various call forwarding services.**

SBC Missouri states the promotion will allow customers affected by the tornadoes to arrange for calls to be forwarded to another number or an answering service, without incurring an installation fee or charges for the first month of service.

"I applaud SBC Missouri's quick response as well as the quick manner in which our Staff has handled this request which was filed and approved today," stated Chairman Kelvin Simmons. "To act in this quick fashion will provide help to those in need in our state due to the devastating tornadoes over the weekend," added Chairman Simmons.

The Commission's order approving the request states: "Approval will allow customers affected by the tornadoes to forward their calls, without incurring initial costs, to other locations or to answering services. The Commission finds that the nature of the severe weather and the relief that the filing will provide establish good cause to approve the tariff on an expedited basis."

The proposed tariff takes effect May 7, 2003.

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